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HINCKS PREDICTS A GREAT SUCCESS FOR STAMP SALE

Every man, woman and child in Bridgeport will own over one dollar's worth of war savings stamps before March 5, is the prediction of William T. Hincks, chairman of the War Savings stamp committee of Bridgeport. At the present time each person here is represented as having purchased ninety cents worth of stamps. It is estimated that close to \$140,000 has been spent for stamps since the campaign began early in December.

A new phase of thrift clubs will be inaugurated in this city soon. Upon the suggestion of one of the city officials, the Bridgeport committee on War Savings stamps, a five hundred dollar club will be started. Persons who join this club will pledge themselves to buy \$500 worth of stamps during 1918. Similar clubs for \$400, \$200, \$100 and \$50, it is expected, will be formed later.

The minute women have completed plans for organizing the various companies in the city, each member will visit homes in her neighborhood and pledge members of families to purchase a certain number of thrift stamps each week. The captains of the various minute women's companies will hold meetings next week and outline the plans to the campaign members. The first meeting is scheduled to take place Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George T. Hatheway, Clinton avenue, when three companies will be addressed by a member of the Bridgeport Committee on War Savings stamps.

Mrs. Frank Burton of 31 Brook-lawn place, will open her home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for a meeting of two more minute women companies. A general meeting will be held at the Sea Side Club, Thursday afternoon.

The Interstate Commerce Commission authorized the Morgan Line and the Southern Pacific Railroad to increase rates on commodities from New York and Norfolk to Galveston.

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CHARLES GREENE ELECTED LEADER OF POSTAL ASSO.

Postmaster Charles F. Greene was elected president of the Connecticut State Postmaster's association to succeed William Delaney of Meriden who held the office the past year, at the annual meeting held at Lehman's Shore House yesterday afternoon. The other officers of the association elected at yesterday's session were: Vice president, David Wilson of Hartford; secretary and treasurer, D. J. Tevan of Shelton.

Philip Troup, postmaster at New Haven, in a fitting speech paid tribute to the late M. Harry Walsh of Middletown, who was vice president of the association at the time of his death. Other speakers who addressed the men were: William T. Hincks, chairman of the Bridgeport War Savings committee, who spoke on "War Savings Stamps," John J. Bohl of Stamford for his topic "Carrier Service," J. F. Sanders of Meriden addressed the men on "Clerical Efficiency," William "Bill" T. Meyer of the local postoffice gave an interesting talk on "Post Office Efficiency." Postmaster Charles F. Greene told of "Bridgeport's Post Office Service" and "The Central Counting Office" was the subject David Wilson of Hartford spoke on.

John T. Nelson, clerk in the local postoffice was elected chairman of the grievance committee, at the annual meeting of the state branch of the United National Association of Postal Clerks, held at New Haven yesterday. Other officers elected were: President, Walter H. DeForest, Derby; vice president, Thomas F. Hogan; second vice president, John J. Quilter, Waterbury; treasurer, Louis Thaurer, Hartford; chairman of finance committee, Charles H. Wilhelm, New Haven, secretary of relief fund, Frank S. Cadwell, New Britain; trustee, Robert M. Reilly, New Haven; national delegate, John A. McLaughlin, New Haven, Patrick Chaffield, Seymour, was made chairman of the publicity committee while John L. Fitzpatrick of Bristol was made head of the organization committee.

"RAG DOLL" TEST FOR SEED CORN RECOMMENDED

Washington, Feb. 23.—It is absolutely necessary that a wide-spread campaign of ear testing be begun at once, in order to obtain a sufficient supply of seed corn of strong germination for the northern states, and a large part of the corn belts states as well. Some preliminary work can be done by cutting out ears which upon inspection are obviously unfit for seed, but individual ear tests are for the most part necessary.

The rag doll method of testing individual ears is one of the simplest and economical and is efficient. The tester consists of a strip of cloth, preferably bleached muslin, 1 1/2 inches wide and from three to five feet long. The cloth should be marked off into squared sections and the squares all numbered. The ears to be tested should also be given corresponding numbers. Six or more kernels should be selected from different parts of each ear, and placed in the proper section. When the tester is filled, fold over each side so that the edges meet in the center, roll up, and soak the tester for a few hours in lukewarm water. Drain the excess water off, and place the dolls in a warm place to germinate. They should be covered with a wet cloth to keep them moist, and in about five days should be sufficiently well germinated to show their fitness for seed.

Farmers' Bulletin 948, "The Rag Doll Seed Tester," describes fully this method of testing seed corn.

JUDGE MALTBIE ACCEPTS REPORT

There was no opposition yesterday to the acceptance of the report of J. Moss Ives, of Danbury, receiver for the Danbury & Bethel Street Railway, and the report was accepted by Judge Maltbie.

The report shows some gain in the affairs of the company, the cash balance after expenses since appointment having increased several thousand dollars. Recently the receiver was authorized to borrow \$60,000 on receivers' notes to increase the equipment and take up some of the indebtedness.

FIVE DIVORCES GIVEN BY JUDGE

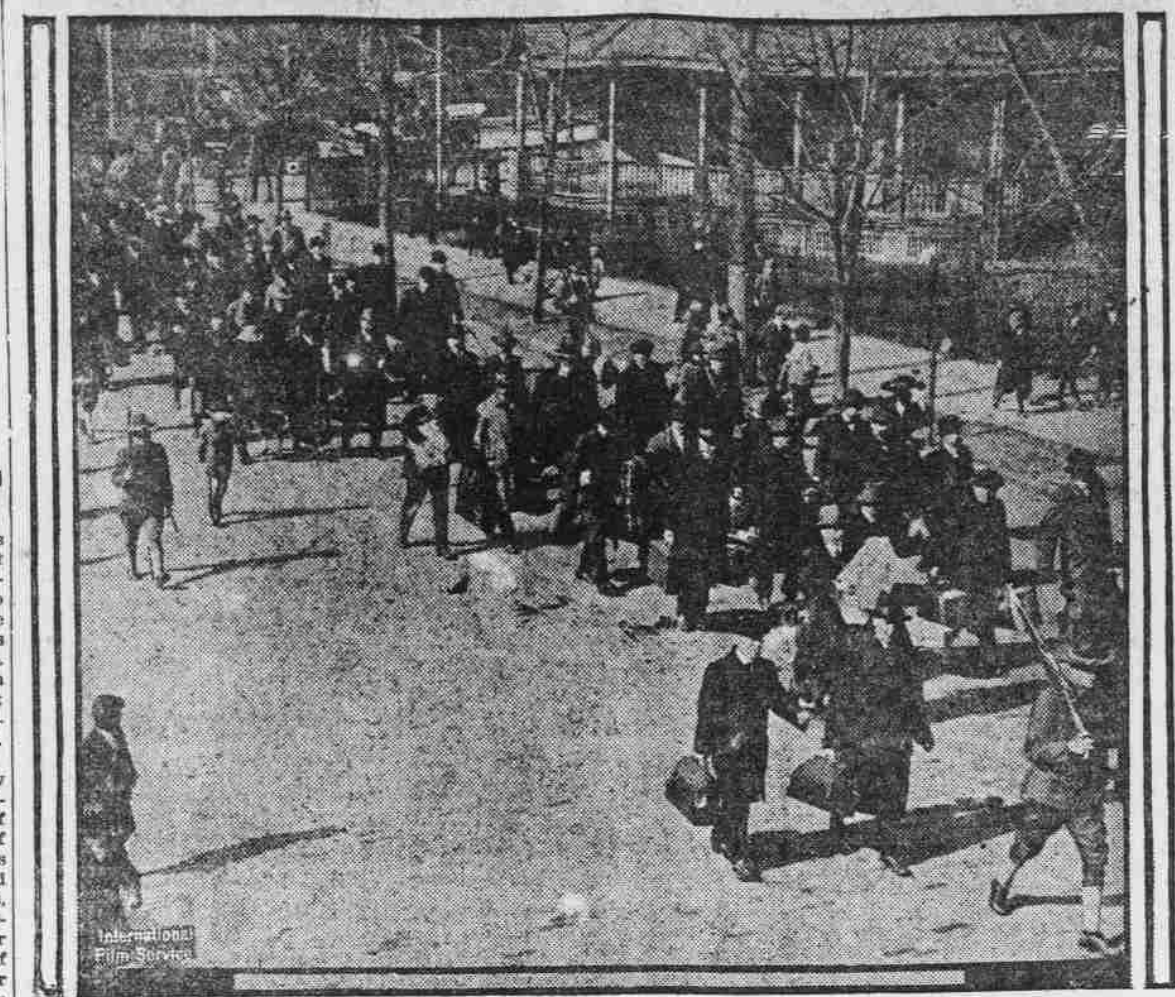
Judge William M. Maltbie in the Superior Court yesterday granted five petitions for divorce, separating couples who no longer wished to live together. George H. Wakeman of Bethel was given a decree from Besse Wakeman on grounds of desertion. Desertion was also the charge in the complaint of Michael Marcello, who was given a decree from Maria Marcello, now in Italy.

August Cielko was given a decree on statutory grounds from Martha Cielko, who became unduly intimate with a boarder, and finally left her husband for him. There are five children, and Cielko broke down on the witness stand when he spoke of them.

Daniel Martha of this city was separated from Anna Keresi Martha, and Anna Meskolei of Stamford was given a decree from Martin Meskolei, on charges of cruelty.

President Brush of the Boston Elevated Railway, whose 8,000 employees will go on strike Monday unless an increase of pay is made, announced that the company is ready to meet representatives of the men.

DANGEROUS ENEMY ALIENS BEING TAKEN TO AN INTERNMENT CAMP SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH



Dangerous enemy aliens corralled by secret service operatives marching through Philadelphia to the station to entrain for a detention camp "somewhere in the South." The men were detained at a concentration camp at Gloucester, N. J., until enough of them were in the net and a special train carried them to a place where they will be out of mischief until the end of the war. Armed United States soldiers guarded the party on the trip south.

HIBERNIANS TAKE MEMBERSHIP IN \$1,000 WAR CLUB

The War Savings Committee received news today which pleased them more than anything else that has come to their attention hitherto. The Ancient Order of Hibernians, of which Mr. D. J. O'Connor (a member of the general War Savings Committee) is county president, has unanimously voted to become a member of the Thousand Dollar Limit War Savings club.

This is the first one of the orders or societies or lodges in town that has taken such action, and the War Savings Committee hopes the example of the Hibernians may be followed by a great many other organizations. The Hibernians have always been distinguished for their patriotism and devotion to the country's cause, and in every movement intended for a more efficient handling of the war situation, they have shown particular activity and have accomplished unusual results, and that fact that this organization has been the first to join the Thousand Dollar club is no surprise to those who have known the work that the Hibernians have been doing.

Great interest in the War Savings Stamps is noted at the new Fairfield plant now being erected in Fairfield for the manufacturing of heavy ordnance. Taking up the work less than a week ago, the contractors in charge of the construction of this plant have found such a generous response among their men that over \$750 worth of stamps have been sold to the construction workers within the week. A great many of the workers are pledged to weekly purchases, and the War Savings committee expects that a very handsome return will roll up week by week from the large force of these men.

Sales of stamps for Feb. 20th were \$5,530.11. An interesting index of the way sales are going is found in the following return of Bridgeport sales, viz: December \$15,593; January \$29,326; February 21 to 21st \$66,954.

4 BRIDGEPORTERS JOIN THE SERVICE

Four Bridgeport men yesterday applied for service in the merchant marine at the Hindle pharmacy, corner of State and Main streets. An order has been received by Mr. Hindle, special agent, that the age limit for the service has been changed. All young men between the ages of 21 and 30 may now be enrolled. Previously the age limit was 18 to 27 years.

Those who enrolled yesterday and this morning are: James Lester Marsh, 56 Courtland street; James Joseph Sayles, 1221 Pembroke street; sailor; Herbert Edward Bailey, 267 Myrtle avenue, oiler; and Abner Phelps Birrell, 205 Sterling street, steward. At the present time 63 young men have sought service in the merchant marine through the medium of the local recruiting office.

ASK FORECLOSURE FOR THEIR CLAIM

Foreclosure upon two pieces of property in Greenwich is asked in a suit filed in the Superior Court by Eva A. Ingersoll against Eva I. F. Brown of that place. In July 1914 the defendant owed \$10,000 for which a note, secured by a mortgage on the property in question, was given. It is wholly unpaid, according to the complaint.

Included among a dozen or more defendants who are interested in the property are Acker Merrill & Condit, and B. Altman & Co. of New York, and other business houses of that city. The Browns are among the prominent residents of the Greenwich summer colony.

DESERTION ALLEGED.

Desertion is alleged in the petition for divorce filed in the Superior Court by Harry LaCroix against Winifred Dooley LaCroix of this city. They were married in August, 1907, and desertion has continued since April, 1911, according to the complaint.

The House committee favors the plan to have convicts make war supplies.

OBITUARY

ROSE HUTCHESON

The funeral of Rose Hutcheson, who died Friday, Feb. 15, a victim of gas poisoning, at her home, Sachs street, Stratford, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of George Potter, Broad street. Rev. H. Douglas Pierce, of this city, officiated. Burial was in Lakeview.

SQUIRE DEMBY

The funeral of Squire Demby was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of H. A. Remington, Barnum avenue and William street. Rev. Everett A. Burrows, pastor of the Washington Park Methodist church, conducted the services. Burial was in Lakeview cemetery.

DELLA BAILEY

Della, wife of Robert Bailey, of 85 Clinton avenue, died this morning as the result of burns received yesterday. Mrs. Bailey was well known in the West End and was a communicant of St. Peter's R. C. church. Besides her husband, three sons, Joseph, Roger and James, and two daughters, Lena and Mary Maloney, both of New York city, survive. One brother, Larry Maloney, also survives.

MARY S. BASSETT

The funeral of Mary S. Bassett was held privately yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her son, Arthur H. Bassett, Highland avenue, Stratford. Services were conducted by members of the Christian Science church. The pall bearers were John Stetzer, Henry Stetzer, Fred Beardsley, J. T. Leonard, George Hoesehele and Joseph Clements. Burial was in Lakeview cemetery.

AUGUST GRAVESON

Funeral services for August Graveson were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the bereaved residence, 2409 Main street. Rev. Mr. Stockholm, pastor of the Danish church, officiated. Many sorrowing relatives and friends were present at the obsequies. The floral offerings were many and of exquisite beauty. Delegations from St. John's lodge A. F. & A. M., Danish Brotherhood, Fraternal Order of Eagles and Home Guard attended. St. John's lodge exemplified their ritual at the grave, Mountain Grove cemetery.

PATRICK J. DINAN

Many sorrowing relatives and friends attended the funeral of Patrick J. Dinan held Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the family residence, 819 Ogden street. A high mass of requiem was sung at St. Charles' R. C. church at 9 o'clock by Rev. Thomas Gloster. The singing of the mass was by the church choir. Miss Jessie Murray sang "De Profundis" at the offertory and after mass "Nearer My God to Thee." There was a wealth of floral tributes. The pall bearers were James Cummings, William Hennessey, Edward Walsh, John Fenton, John Freeman and John Maloney. Burial was in St. Michael's cemetery.

TIMOTHY O'BRIEN

Final tribute to the memory of Timothy O'Brien, Bridgeport's oldest mason contractor, was paid this morning when a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends gathered at Sacred Heart R. C. church at the solemn funeral services.

The funeral cortege, one of the longest ever held in the South End, moved from the bereaved residence, 137 Black Rock avenue, this morning at 8:30 o'clock. A solemn mass of requiem was offered up for the repose of his soul by Rev. Thomas J. Mooney. Rev. John A. Sullivan officiated as deacon and Rev. Richard F. Moore, sub-deacon. The singing of the mass was by the church choir. As the body was being borne into the church "Thy Will Be Done" was sung. A trio composed of Mrs. Earl Christie, Mrs. Charles O'Brien and William Chew rendered "O Salutaris Hostia" at the offertory. After the mass Mr. Chew sang "Beautiful Land on High." As the funeral procession was leaving the edifice the choir rendered "Nearer My God to Thee." Delegations from Sacred Heart Holy Name Society of Court and Nataniel Wheeler, of A. T. The large number of floral tributes gave evidence of the esteem and affection in which the deceased was held by his legion of friends. The pall bearers were Robert Hurley, James McKelvey, John Schneider, Patrick McCarthy, Jerome Phelan and Michael Noonan. Burial was in St. Michael's cemetery. Rev. Father Sullivan read the committal service.

MEDIATION MAY SETTLE BOSTON ELEVATED STRIKE

Boston, Feb. 23.—Suggestions of mediation in the threatened strike of employees of the Boston elevated railway were under consideration by officers of the company and union leaders today. Henry B. Endicott, executive manager of the state committee on public safety, through whose efforts a number of strikes called on New England railroads were averted in recent months, was among those considered as an arbitrator. Mr. Endicott said he had received no official communication from either side, but would accept the task of attempting to bring about an equitable adjustment if he was asked.

President Matthew C. Brush of the company in a letter to the union last night pointed out that transportation at present was essential to the country's success and that the road was serving the United States arsenal in Watertown, the Liberty ship yard in Quincy, the Boston navy yard and many plants engaged on government work.

James J. Storror, New England fuel administrator, was suggested as an acceptable arbitrator by union leaders in a letter to railway officials. Mr. Storror was chairman of the wage arbitration board that settled the last strike of the elevated employees. "We have the highest regard for Mr. Storror," representatives of the union said, "and we believe that he or any other fair minded man in the state would give our men a very substantial increase over the present wages, at least for the period of the war."

Mayor Peters offered to assist in adjusting the differences and indicated that if steps were not taken for settlement today he would exercise his right of calling on the state board of conciliation and arbitration to prevent the strike called for midnight Monday night.

The principal over night development in the controversy was the interchange of letters between President Brush and the president and secretary of the union. The union men declared first suggestions of an increase in pay came from officials of the company and President Brush denied knowledge of such a suggestion. The men called for higher wages and characterized the union's treatment of them as intolerable, but have presented no formal demand to the company.

ICE THREATENING TRANSIT BY WATER

Ice conditions on the Connecticut side of Long Island Sound have again become menacing to transportation facilities. A strong east wind yesterday blew ice cakes about one foot thick to the Bridgeport side of the channel.

The freighter Cimbra which is in the service of the Liberty Ordnance Company last night was forced to lay at Wilson's Point. The light house tender "Larksbur" was driven ashore at Penfield reef this morning owing to the ice conditions.

The tug Daisy McWilliams with a tow of six barges of coal bound for New Haven and eastern ports left Bridgeport early this morning.

POLE MANIFESTO IRKS GERMANY

London, Feb. 23.—The publication by the Vienna official news agency of the Polish manifesto reflecting upon Germany has given great offense, says the Zurich correspondent of Reuters, limited. According to the Munich Nachrichten the German ambassador in Vienna has been instructed to demand an explanation. The newspaper adds that the reading of the manifesto in the reichsrath gave immunity to its publication, but that it was a piece of gross stupidity on the part of the official agency to publish it broadcast.

PHILLIPS IN FRANCE.

Private Frank R. Phillips, 102nd Ambulance Co., 101st Sanitary train, 26th Division, is now in active service in France. His name was published in a list of questionnaire delinquents officially submitted to the press by a local board several days ago. This youth voluntarily enlisted last July.

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Beginning Monday, Feb. 25th., the store will be open Mondays as formerly.

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Men's Sweaters	Good Shirts
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There's a good assortment of these sweaters here. They are in the roll collar and v-neck styles. A nice sweater that will give good wear	Men's blue chambray—plain cream color—and striped shirts. A well made shirt that will give good service
\$2.50	50c

Men's Hose

Wool mixed hose—good heavy quality—gray and black.	Split foot hose—excellent wearing quality. Pair 21c
Pair 39c	Hose of good quality cotton—good for every day wear. White or black.
Mercerized lisle hose—in a variety of good colors.	Pair 15c
Pair 25c	

Hot Water Bottles Special 50c

Another lot of hot water bottles—guaranteed to hold water. 2 quart size 50c.

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BRIEF NEWS NOTES

Archbishop Prendergast of Philadelphia, who has been ill for two months, is reported to be very near death.

Eleven men were trapped in a mine near Crystal Falls, Mich. Three were rescued. Little hope is held out for the others.

Bituminous mined in January, 1918, was at the lowest rate since September, 1916. The output was 5,000,000 tons short.

The Department of Justice has plans prepared for the immediate drafting into service of all slackers sentenced to jail.

All the crew of the British tramp steamer Veturia, lost off the Atlantic coast were landed by an American coast guard ship.

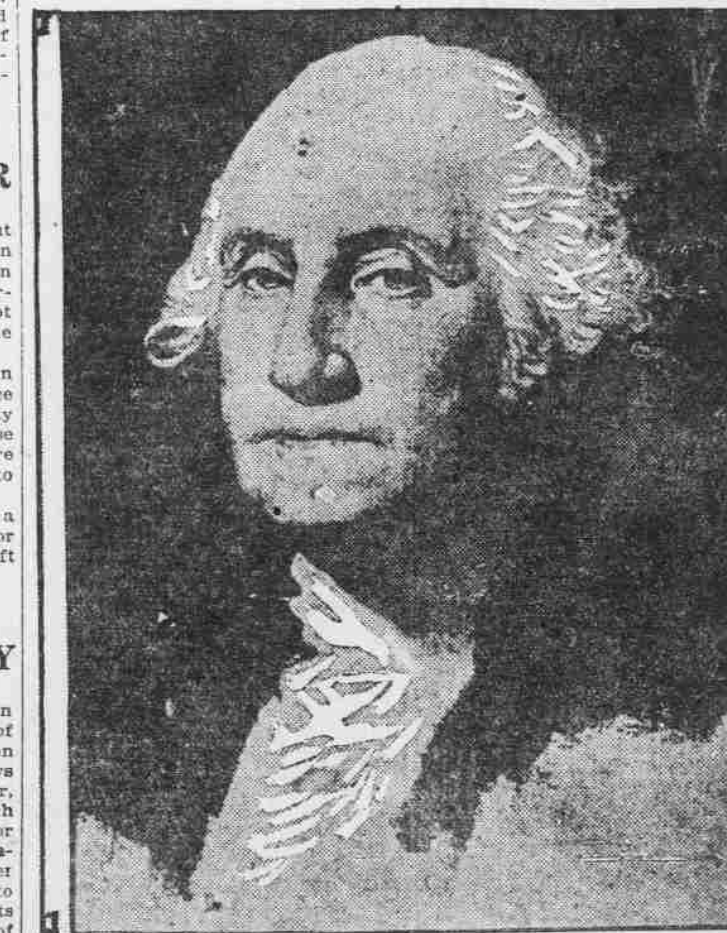
The surgeon-general of the American army released from military service 600 doctors who were found to be defective physically.

Four miners were killed when a motor train loaded with powder exploded in the West mine of the Royal Colliery Co. at Virden, Ill.

The American Red Cross at Milan, Italy, a great transfer point for soldiers of the allied armies, received four large red houses.

More than 900 of the 17,000 commissioned National Guard officers were discharged for inefficiency since the declaration of war on Germany.

FOOD SITUATION CRITICAL IN WASHINGTON'S TIME AS IT IS NOW



Unless ample provisions are laid up in the course of this winter and the approaching spring, nothing favorable is to be looked for from the operations in the next campaign; but our arms, enfeebled by the embarrassment of irregular and fluctuating supplies of provisions, will reap no other fruits than disgrace and disappointment.—George Washington's Speech to the Congress Committee, January 23, 1778.

It has turned out that the forces that fight for freedom, the freedom of all men all over the world as well as our own, depend upon us in an extraordinary and unexpected degree for the success of the war. We are fighting as truly for the liberty and self-government of the United States as if the war of our Revolution had to be fought over again.—President Wilson's Speech to the Farmers, 1918.